

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Fleming for the indication that Claims 10-12, 21 and 22 are allowed, and that Claims 2-5, 7-9, 15 and 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By way of this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 9, and Claim 9 is canceled. Also, Claim 13 is amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 15, and Claim 15 is canceled.

In addition, the method of Claim 16 is amended to recite that the motor is connected to an electric source through a connecting line including a relay, and that the detection of the motor driving voltage comprises detecting the voltage of the connecting line between the relay and the motor, and the detection of the voltage of the control device comprises detecting the voltage of the connecting line between the electric source and the relay subject. This subject matter, similar to that recited in Claim 9, is not disclosed in Japanese Application Publication No. 10-229635. Indeed, in this reference, the lock detection portion 6 detects the lock condition of the motor 3 based on the difference between the command voltage VM for driving/controlling the motor 3 and the voltage VF proportional to the rotational speed of the motor 3. Thus, Japanese Application Publication No. 10-229635 does not disclose detecting a motor driving voltage by detecting the voltage of a connecting line between a relay and the motor, and detecting the voltage of a control device by detecting the voltage of a connecting line between the electric source and a relay.

Although Claims 23-25 are currently withdrawn from consideration, each of these claims properly depends from one of the allowable independent claims and should thus also be allowable. Thus, rejoinder of the withdrawn claims and allowance of such claims together with the other allowable claims is respectfully requested.

All of the claims in this application are allowable. Early and favorable action with respect to this application is thus respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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